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## NOBLE FRANK W. MORRILL, ALEPPO TREASURER, PASSES ON

ONCE again the Black Camel has knocked at the doors of the Temple and taken from our midst a Noble who has been a pillar of strength and a power for good in Shrinedom and Aleppo Temple.

Frank Willis Morrill, who for the past twelve years has served as Treasurer of Aleppo Temple, passed into the unseen Temple Saturday, May 17, after a short illness. Noble Morrill was elected Treasurer, August 17, 1935, succeeding the late Joseph W. Work who had filled the office since 1895.

Born in Medfield, Massachusetts, August 20, 1871, Noble Morrill moved to Clinton and as a young man opened a stationery and periodical store, which became known throughout Worcester County as the largest and best equipped store of its kind in New England. After a successful business career, Noble Morrill retired and entered the U. S. Army, serving as an officer in France during World War I.

Joining Aleppo Temple June 1, 1923, he immediately became active in the Arab Patrol. His executive ability and love for fraternal organizations were soon discovered, and he was appointed Executive Officer of the Patrol, serving in that capacity until his death.

Noble Morrill has probably given more to Aleppo Temple in time and service than any other Shriner. He served as Personal Representative and Ceremonial Director for Potentates Appleton, Haskell, Bolton, McKenzie, North, Pollard, Cahill, Curry, Wilson, Lombard, Sondheim, Palmer and Duncan, giving freely of his time and energy without thought of return, and always having in mind the best interests of Aleppo Temple.

Noble Morrill was an active member of Trinity Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Clinton, St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter of Boston, the Scottish Rite Bodies and Massachusetts Consistory, 32nd Degree of Boston, Boston Commandery, Knights Templars of Boston, and was a charter member of Boston Court, Royal Order of Jesters, serving as Impresario (Secretary) of the order from the time of its inception until January, 1947, when he resigned the office.

He was Chairman of the Temple's Welfare Committee for 20 years and a member of the Board of Governors of the Springfield Unit of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. By virtue of his office as Treasurer of Aleppo Temple, he was an

ex-officio member and Trustee of the Temple's Permanent Fund since 1935, and served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund for the past five years.

His services to the Temple are best expressed in a tribute to him by the late Past Potentate Fred E. Bolton, who, on retiring as Potentate in 1934, said: "No man who has to work for a living, can take care of every detail alone. If he is fortunate he has one dependable friend who will help him. A Noble has given every working day of the past year to duties at the Shrine office, and when I say given, I mean just that, to represent me at headquarters during my term of office. He has been the sentinel who has watched everything, contacted with Nobles, sympathized with the unfortunate, and served me with a devotion that I little deserved, and quite beyond my ability to understand, except to know that he loves the Shrine. His modesty would forbid me to mention his name, but I must make this open acknowledgment to Noble Frank W. Morrill."

As Treasurer of the Temple for the past twelve years, Noble Morrill has watched over the Temple's finances and protected its funds in a most creditable manner. He was serious in his discussion of all matters pertaining to the Temple's welfare and best interest, and although not a great leader of men, the great leaders of men continually sought his advice and counsel and found his decisions always sound.

His passing is a great loss to Aleppo Temple, in particular, and Shrinedom in general, and the hearts of all with whom he has been so long and intimately associated in an official capacity, are sorrowful and very heavy. "Well done good and faithful servant."

Mr. Morrill is survived by a sister, Miss Annie L. Morrill who lives in Westboro, Massachusetts.

Funeral services were held in the New Old South Church, Copley Square, Boston, Tuesday, May 20. Rev. Dr. Frederick Meek officiated at the services with Rev. Arthur W. P. Wylie, Chaplain of Aleppo Temple and Rector of All Saints Church of Ashland. Burial was in Medfield, Mass.



## POTENTATE DUNCAN HONORED

Rt. Wor. Justin A. Duncan, Potentate of Aleppo Temple, and his Divan were received in Hammatt Lodge on Tuesday, April 22 by Wor. Bro. Everett I. Matthews after Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan introduced his large and distinguished suite. Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan also introduced the newly organized Aleppo Temple Master Mason Degree Team.

Shrine officers who filled stations were: Worshipful Masters — Rt. Wor. Justin A. Duncan; Rt. Wor. Arthur A. Sondheim, Past Potentate; Rt. Wor. Willard P. Lombard, Past Potentate; Senior Warden, Wor. Lawson W. Oakes, 33rd; Junior Warden, Wor. George A. Weeks; Treas. Rt. Wor. James Krigman; Sec. Recorder, Harvey B. Leggee; Chaplain, Rt. Wor. Louis J. Roazen; Marshal Wor. William A. Odell; Sen. Deacon, Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan; Junior Deacon, Rt. Wor. Arthur H. Reed; Senior Steward Wor. Reginald F. Goldsworthy; Junior Steward, Wor. John O. Broberg; Tyler, Bro. Everett F. Matthews; South Gate, (High Priest) N. Russell Lynn; West Gate, Wor. Barnett N. Samuels; East Gate, Wor. Amos W. Crooks.

The charge was delivered by Most Wor. Albert A. Schaefer. A feature of the evening was a talk at the Refreshment Hour by Noble Hank Goudy of the Giants, who was with our Champion Braves of 1914.

In full regalia, the Third Platoon of Aleppo Temple Patrol exhibited many of their drill movements under the direction of Wor. and Lieutenant W. Leslie Dixon.

It was the initial appearance of the Third Degree Team of Aleppo Temple and more than 300 members and guests rose to applaud the work of Potentate Justin Duncan, the performance of Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan, Chairman of the Team, and all who helped initiate a great team.

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Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, April 7, 1939  
Giles F. Yates Council, P. of J., April 14, 1939  
Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, September 15, 1939  
Massachusetts Consistory 32°, September 25, 1939  
Aleppo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Boston, June 1, 1923  
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Boston Court, R. O. J., Charter Member, 1927  
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Aleppo Temple Arab Patrol, 1923 to 1947  
Executive Officer of Patrol, 1929 to 1947

## BIG SUMMER CEREMONIAL

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### NOTICE

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March, "Noble Men"

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#### ORGAN PROGRAM

Noble Harry Rodgers, Organist

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"In a Chinese Temple Garden" Ketelbey  
"Thorn Roses Waltz" Tchaikowsky  
"Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" Jessel  
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By J. ARTHUR MCCOY

AS THE time draws near for the pilgrimage to Atlantic City, many Nobles across the country are probably wondering about their hotel reservations. It is said that more than seventy Temples will attend the Convention and it is estimated that more than seven thousand rooms will be required. That means that the hotels have been swamped with inquiries and many applicants disappointed.

Those who attended the meeting at Hammatt Lodge on April 22 had a thoroughly enjoyable time. It was a nice testimonial to Potentate Jus Duncan. Hammatt Lodge was host to 146 guests, and the dinner, entertainment, ritualistic work, and lastly, the exhibition put on by the third platoon, provided a perfect evening. Five members of the patrol, if we count the two honorary members, participated in the Third Degree, Jus Duncan, Fred Duncan, George Weeks, Harvey Leggee and Bill Odell. It may be considered too, that this was the first time that our newly organized Aleppo Temple Third Degree Team worked together.

The members of the second platoon are still riding high as a result of their winning the competitive prize over the other platoons. In recognition of this, they were the guests of the Potentate and Divan at the Copley Square Hotel, April 8. The Potentate presented a plaque to Lieutenant Beckman in behalf of the platoon.

The third platoon held a successful ball at the Hovey Institute, Waltham, on April 23. During intermission the platoon put on an exhibition drill, which proved a delightful feature to many present who had never before seen it. The first part was with the lights and the second was with the bells. Noble Maenche was the musician. Other entertainment was also provided and the entire evening was a happy one for all. Lieut. Dixon and the members of the third platoon worked hard to present the ball and were well rewarded in its success. On the night before, they had put on the exhibition drill at Hammatt Lodge, so they were all rather tired the following day.

The first platoon is still leading the others with its casualties. Bert Hight has been ill with the gripe. Arthur Holl is still on the sick list, though much improved, and Kenneth Hiseoe is under the doctor's care. Sam Alcock lost three fingers on his left hand in an accident. Our best wishes go to these boys.

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The high-light of the April Ceremonial to us on the patrol was the return of Walter Benson, after his recent illness. He carried out his duties as Marshal, in the usual fine style and it was a long program.

We extend our sympathy to Lieut. Odell, in the recent death of his father. He was an old member of St. John's Lodge and had been ill for several years.

The members were saddened by the death of Fred Zeuner of the third platoon on April 8. Noble Zeuner had been a member of the patrol for over ten years. He will be greatly missed.

We recently learned of the death of George Abbott on April 28, who formerly was a member of the first platoon for many years. Services were held in Wakefield, April 30 and were attended by a delegation from that platoon.

Harold Burr was recently elected an honorary member of Temple Commandery of Norwood. Harold is Past Commander of Gethsemane Commandery and is still very active in Commandery work.

Bill Heiligmann has been similarly honored by being elected an honorary member of Cambridge Commandery. He is an officer in Boston Commandery and apparently they think pretty well of him in Cambridge.

Fred Wegener is all "het up" over the fact that his horse "Charter Member" was the first winner in the New England Racing Season. This horse won the first race April 18 at Suffolk Downs. Here's hoping that his luck will continue.

I note that the Shrine magazines of other Temples frequently quote certain sections of the Shrine Law, as a reminder to the Nobility in general, as to their responsibilities as members. Section 262 is most often quoted as follows:

"A Noble shall be subject to discipline by the Temple of which he is a member or by a Temple within whose jurisdiction the Noble resides for conduct unbecoming a Noble of the Mystic Shrine." Also from the charge to new members: "The underlying principles of our Order are pleasure without intolerance, hospitality without

rudeness, jollity without coarseness. You will be expected to assist in upholding the reputation and character of the Mystic Shrine in the world without as well as within the portals of our Temple." If others think the above is good occasional reading for them, perhaps it is good reading for us.



## HOOF BEATS

By WAYNE DONALDSON

IT really looked like old times having Lt. Everett Crawford in his usual place at our last Ceremonial. Welcome home Everett, we are glad to have you back.

Does anyone know why Captain Walter took his Troopers on a route march before the Ceremonial last Tuesday? We are all praying for Horses at Atlantic City, but that parade looks as though he was conditioning us for a hard grind afoot. Come clean, Walter, what's cooking?

A report from Pop Goode at the Stable revealed that the horses are pulling at their bits and if we don't show up soon to wear them down, he will have to substitute sawdust for oats.

At the Potentate's Ball on May 6, the Troopers were out in force, wearing their fezzes, but no spurs.

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## "BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH"

BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING

YES, one of the members of the band has received a life sentence, with no time off for good behavior. We refer to Noble Walter Leavitt, who was married at the Congregational church in Braintree, on Thursday, May 1. We understand ye editor, Noble Leggee, acted as best man, to see that the bridegroom made the proper answers in the proper places and produced the ring at the proper time. They say that marriage makes a couple one, but they don't say which one. Let 'em fight it out afterward. All joking aside, however, we wish Walter and his bride the best of luck, and may their troubles be only little ones.

One of the most important engagements the band has had in some time was on Monday, May 19, when we were booked to go to the Masonic Home in Charlton and give a concert for the residents there. By the time this issue of the NEWS is off the press this event will be past history, but we understand from Noble Charlie McGee that the folks at the Home are eagerly looking forward to Monday, May 19. So we hope the boys will turn out in full force and make this a gala occasion. We can guarantee them a real Masonic welcome.

Noble George L. Maynard reaffiliated with Aleppo at the April ceremonial. He was formerly a member of the band and hopes to become active again. Come on in, George, the water's fine.

Through the courtesy of Noble Crosskill of Anah Temple, Bangor, we have been put on the mailing list for the *Anahgram*, the monthly paper issued by the Temple. It is a nifty little magazine and we enjoyed reading it from cover to cover. We are looking forward to meeting Noble Crosskill at Atlantic City, and having a gab-fest about the trials and tribulations of Columnists, anent the failure of the members to keep the reporter posted on items of interest to the Nobility.

We regret to announce that the Black Camel has knelt at the tents of two of our members. Noble George E. Perkins, M.D., was fatally injured on April 3rd, when his car went out of control and crashed into a pole. He was taken to the hospital but passed away soon after being admitted. The funeral was held from Trinity Church, Boston, on Saturday, April 5th. Doctor Perkins played sax in the band, and for several years up to the time of his death held the position of Band

Surgeon. He was a genial companion and vitally interested in the physical welfare of the band members. He served in the Medical Corps in both World Wars.

The second member to pass away was Noble Frank P. Thrasher of Marlboro who died some time in April. We have no details relative to his death as up to the present writing no notice has been received at Shrine Headquarters. Noble Thrasher was a dependable bass player, and for many years was active and attended all band functions, but for the past two or three years, owing to a heart ailment, was unable to do any strenuous parade duty. For many years he was a prominent business man in Marlboro, operating a shoe factory employing a large number of hands.

In this connection might we suggest that when a member passes away notice of the death be sent promptly to Shrine Headquarters so an accurate record can be kept. Also in the newspaper notice of death mention the fact that the deceased was a member of Aleppo Temple.



## POTENTATE DUNCAN HONORED BY WORCESTER SHRINE CLUB

AT THE annual Potentate's Night at the Worcester Shrine Club held in the Sheraton Hotel, Worcester, Wednesday, May 14, Illustrious Potentate Justin A. Duncan addressed over one hundred members of the club on the activities of Aleppo Temple and the assistance Shrine Clubs render to their Temples.

The Illustrious Potentate was accompanied by High Priest and Prophet N. Russell Lynn; Oriental Guide Andrew S. Seiler; Recorder Harvey B. Leggee; Past Potentate Willard P. Lombard; Past Potentate Arthur A. Sondheim; Second Ceremonial Master Lawson W. Oakes and Noble Frederic B. Duncan, Chairman, Third Degree Team.

Following a reception to the visiting officers a business meeting was held, at which time the club elected its officers for

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the year 1947-48. The newly elected officers for the club are: Earl W. Shaw, President; Dr. Hugo O. Peterson, Vice-president; Charles W. Robinson, Secretary; Robert P. Adams, Treasurer. The Executive Committee for this year are Edward A. Hare, Wallace H. Wood, Herbert J. Griffing, Walter M. Merkel and Emile L. Rousseau. The Auditors are: Charles E. W. Matthews, Harold B. Proctor, and Charles W. Townsend.

A dinner was served to the Officers and Members, at which time the Illustrious Potentate addressed the Nobility and introduced his Divan Officers. A very fine entertainment was provided by the club which concluded the festivities.

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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULEY

THE Nobility had ample opportunity on the April twenty-ninth Ceremonial to observe, by the work of the Degree Staff, its high regard for our Potentate, Justin Duncan. The entire membership of the Degree Staff, from our Director, Frank Watson, down, exerted every effort to please Justin and the Nobility by putting on one of the finest Second Sections ever witnessed in these United States.

This is not wholly the opinion of the Degree Staff, although we agree with it entirely, but the opinion of those Nobles who have travelled extensively and attended many Ceremonials in all parts of this country. Of course, this could not be accomplished without co-operative candidates, and on the twenty-ninth we had forty such candidates, some of whom had the opportunity of playing a more conspicuous part than the others. I especially refer to Barney Mould, of Dorchester, who played the beautiful trumpet solo and for his efforts was blasted from the speaker's stand. He also rendered that classic "Open the Door Richard." Barney certainly is a handy guy to have around. Also, Noble Milton Schultz, who carried on the telephone conversation over the loud-speakers, being rewarded by a cold greeting from the telephone.

The entire class of working candidates were so good that I believe they should be individually mentioned. They are listed as follows:

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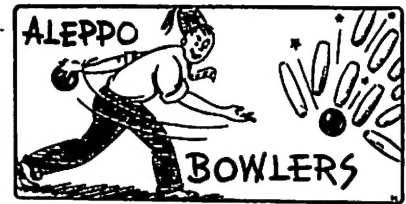
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THE bowling Nobles ended their season with a blaze of glory over the festive board at the Boston City Club on April 3. In the absence of our President John Juthe, our Vice-president presided over the combination meeting and banquet.

The usual pre-nuptials took place with fraternization between the members and their guests. We were honored by the presence of our Illustrious Potentate Jus Duncan, who is very interested in our sport.

Potentate Duncan presented the Potentate's Trophy to Bill Richards who was top man in the ten string roll-off and in the absence of Recorder Leggee, he did double duty by presenting the Recorder's Trophy to the old Maestro himself, Jim Greig. As I have mentioned in previous columns, these prizes are decided by handicap rules, and are surely beauties, so all of you interested Nobles get in on the ground floor and come out and bowl with us next year. Always room for more bowlers.

After the disposition of the two donated prizes the winners of the season prizes stepped up and were presented theirs. Al Bjorklund, who was outstanding in his first year with us, drew down first prize in the averages. Due to the ruling on one individual prize to a bowler, Jerry Jones won the second average prize. Harold Chase got the high three strings with Harry Gordon taking second prize. High single string went to Arthur Hoyt with Frank Kittredge and Milt Kerr tied for second.

The winning team, "The Chief Rabbans," composed of Capt. Kerr, Whitworth, Bills, Lees and Rothmund, were presented their prizes, with second team prizes going to "The Assistant Rabbans," Capt. Jerry Jones, Hoyt, K. A. Juthe, Hancock, and Worthington.

"The Chief Rabbans," took the team high three prize with the "Assistant Rabbans" taking the high team single.

Souvenirs donated by the out-going president, J. C. Juthe, suitable inscribed with the member's name, were given to each one of the members of the league.

The officers elected for next season are: William Whitley, President; Girard Jones, Vice-president; Frank Kittredge, Secretary, and Frank Savage, Treasurer.

At the close of the banquet all members and guests adjourned to the bowling alleys where everybody joined in on the novelty bowling.

So long; will see you in the Fall. Hope you all have a pleasant summer.

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